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AT PM PLENARY 9 OCT MALTA DEPPERMRREP BELLIZZI SAID:

ONE OF MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN HISTORY OF UN DURING PAST YEAR HAS UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN CONVENING OF THIRD UN CONF ON LOS. MY DEL HAS WITNESSED WITH SATISFACTION THE GROWING REALIZATION ON PART OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT NEW CONCEPTS, REPLACING WORN-OUT SYSTEM OF DOMINATION AND DEPENDENCE, MUST BE WORKED OUT TO GOVERN MANKIND'S INCREASINGLY VARIED ACTIVITIES ON AND UNDER SEAS. IT WAS IN 1967 THAT DEL OF MALTA FIRST LAUNCHED INITIATIVE WHICH EVENTUALLY LED TO ESTABLISHMENT FIRST COMITE ON PEACEFUL USES OF SEA-BED AND OCEAN FLOOR BEYOND LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION AND LATER TO CONVENING OF THIRD UN CONF ON LOS.

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THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY MALTA IN 1967 INCLUDED TWO

INTERCONNECTED PROPOSITIONS, NAMELY, THAT SEA-BED AND OCEAN FLOOR AND THEIR RESOURCES BEYOND LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION SHOULD BE DECLARED COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND, AND THAT AN INTERNATIONAL REGIME GOVERNING AREA AND ITS RESOURCES AND INCLUDING APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED. THESE TWO PRINCIPLES WERE LATER INCORPORATED IN DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES GOVERNING SEA-BED AND OCEAN FLOOR, ADOPTED BY GA IN 1970.

PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY CONF ON LOS AT CARACAS THIS SUMMER LEADS GOVT OF MALTA TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH A REGIME AND MACHINERY, WHICH WILL TAKE ACCOUNT OF NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WILL IN FACT BE CREATED. IN LIGHT OF THIS ASSESSMENT, MY GOVT FEELS THAT IT IS NO LONGER PREMATURE TO CONSIDER LOCATION OF PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL SEA-BED AUTHORITY, AND IT HAS ACCORDINGLY MADE KNOWN ITS DECISION TO OFFER MALTA AS SITE FOR AUTHORITY'S HDQTS. IN ANNOUNCING THIS OFFER, MY GOVT BELIEVES THAT MANY MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO ASSOCIATE MALTA IN MOST APPROPRIATE WAY WITH TANGIBLE AND LASTING RESULTS WHICH WILL HAVE EMERGED FROM MALTESE INITIATIVE OF 1967.

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